

'Papa Doc' Duvalier, Haiti Dictator, Dead

PORTE AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, the little doctor who became dictator of Haiti 14 years ago, is dead at the age of 64. His son Jean Claude, 20, was announced today as his successor.

A presidential palace announcement said: "President Duvalier is dead after a three-month illness. He passed away last night."

The official radio said Jean Claude Duvalier is now president. It listed a new Cabinet with only two holdovers.

Port au Prince was quiet. The national radio played classical music.

None of the announcements reported the cause of death. The "president for life," as he had himself designated, had suffered a series of strokes. He was also a diabetic.

As his health weakened, Duvalier asked the republic's legislature in January to change the constitution to allow his son to take over as president in the event anything happened to him. This was because Jean Claude was below the previously established age.

Before he became 64 last week, associates said Duvalier would make a birthday appearance to demonstrate that he was healthy.



FRANCOIS DUVALIER

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tion and strong. He did not. His son took his place. The palace insisted that Duvalier needed rest on the orders from his doctors.

Duvalier's death raised speculation of a struggle for power, despite the appointment of his son as successor.

Since Haiti is only 46 miles from Cuba at the nearest point, the hemisphere is sensitive to its upheavals and the possibility of a thrust in Haiti's direction from Fidel Castro's Communists.

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tion of five million. A struggle for power could be concentrated, meanwhile, among the high-ranking officers of Duvalier's armed forces, always the source of political struggle in Haiti.

State Clears Transfer Of Eaman School To Coloma

COLOMA — A letter from state Schools Supt. John W. Porter has apparently cleared the way here for the Coloma school district to take possession of the Eaman school property from the Benton Harbor district.

Schools Supt. William Barrett reported Porter, in the letter, said the Coloma district had complied with a state order to pay Benton Harbor school district \$40,000 for the property. The letter was dated April 16.

Coloma sent the payment to Porter when Benton Harbor Supt. Dr. Mark Lewis declined to accept it on behalf of the district.

Porter said the building and 4.26 acres of land comprising the school site are now officially part of the Coloma district. He also expressed confidence that Benton Harbor would comply with the state transfer of the students and property.

The state approved transfer of the students in the former Eaman district to Coloma schools in 1970 subject to payment of

the \$40,000 by June 30. If the money had not been paid, the transfer would have been nullified.

Barrett indicated he wanted to take possession of the building as soon as possible and that a formal request to Benton Harbor to remove their students from the building would be made.

Barrett added, "We need the Eaman building and we need it now." "We have 91 kids attending classes at Camp Warren in sub-standard school buildings, and with a better building now in our district (Eaman building) we've got to start using it."

IT'S NOT FAIR!

"Benton Harbor has empty classrooms in their school system, and can move the kids out of the Eaman school, so why should Coloma kids attend classes at Camp Warren in sub-standard buildings. It's not fair," said Barrett.

Eaman property owners raised the needed funds and donated the money to the Coloma school board, which in turn went on official record as in favor of purchasing the Eaman property.

White House Cheers Living Cost Figures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Higher grocery prices nicked more than a penny from the purchasing power of every food dollar last month, but a drop in housing and new car prices held down the overall rise in living costs and cheered the White House.

"This has to be interpreted as good news indeed—extremely good news, very reassuring," said President Nixon's chief economic advisor Paul McCracken, after the government's March living costs report came out Wednesday.

The overall rise in living costs

was three-tenths of one per cent, pushing the government's Consumer Price Index up to 119.8, said the report by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This meant it cost \$11.98 last month for every \$10 worth of typical family purchases in the 1967 period on which the index is based.

GROCERY PRICES UP

Grocery prices rose 1.1 per cent, sharpest monthly increase in six months, but housing costs declined two-tenths of one per cent, almost entirely because of a continuing drop in mortgage interest rates.

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NEW STABILITY

McCracken, speaking to newsmen at the White House, said he did not want to suggest that the battle against inflation had been won, but that the administration was approaching its goal of "a new stability in the price level."

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adverse effect on the National Chinese government based on Taiwan.

Nixon presumably could only be less than happy about Agnew's reported statements, never denied. They followed the announcement of a five-point Nixon plan aimed at renewal of at least limited trade and travel between the U.S. and China.

All forthcoming participants in inner-council arguments that preceded Nixon's decision agreed that the vice president took a skeptical stance at the time.

While most Cabinet members have kept silent, Secretary of State William P. Rogers made a rare for-direct-quotation statement Tuesday that, in effect, he could hardly be happier about the recent developments.

Moreover, the State Department placed an "excellent" rating on reporting from China by the three American newsmen permitted to travel there with

the U.S. table tennis team.

QUESTIONS REPORTING

Agnew, by contrast, has been quoted as questioning the reporting job done by the American newsmen.

Chinese table tennis players have an oral invitation from Steenhoen to make a return visit here. They have accepted in turn.

After meeting with Nixon for about an hour Wednesday, Steenhoen said a more formal written invitation will be extended almost immediately.

He said that if the Chinese want a private session with Nixon, "then I'll ask the President to accommodate them."

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White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said visas for the Chinese, if they want to come, will be expedited.

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HART VISITS WAR PROTESTORS: Michigan Sen. Philip A. Hart and his wife visit anti-war demonstrators encamped on the Mall in Washington Wednesday night against a Supreme Court order. Hart earlier supported the bivouac in a

speech on the Senate floor. With implied approval of the Justice Department, the hundreds of Vietnam veterans have ignored a Supreme Court order to break camp on the Mall while protesting the war in which they once fought. (AP Wirephoto)

Coeds Pull Switch-- Chase Male

In Interest Of Science

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — "I'll pick you up at eight," the coed said to the male student. "Your place." What was the male reaction?

The men they asked out on dates were usually uncomfortable, says two freshman coeds at the University of California's Davis campus.

Candy Cooley of San Diego and Linda Dankman of Sacramento assumed the male role in dating for three months in the interest of science.

Linda earned an A in an experimental sociology class for a paper entitled "A Sociological Study of the Divergence of Sexual Dimorphism." Translated into layman's terms, that means "Do Young Men Like to be Pursued by Young Women?"

"We took the male initiative," said Linda. "I would ask the guy for a date, pick him up in my car, drive him to the show, pay, put my arm around him during the movie, light his cigarettes, open doors . . . the whole business."

LAUGH NERVOUSLY

Said Candy: "Either they would fight us to open the doors, or they'd laugh nervously and say, 'Okay, you take this one, but we get to open the next one.' They'd refuse to eat at the restaurant because we were paying, say they weren't hungry, beg us to let them drive home, and scrunch up in their seats with their arms folded protectively at the movies."

Candy said two young men forced to share their dinner with the girls after a period of flirtation but responded "Wow, no way!" when the girls asked to take them to the movies.

The girls said they double-dated for moral support and never told the men what was going on. "We came to the conclusion that men cherish their dominant aggressive role," said Candy. "They can't tolerate a dominant female."

"Of the dozen dates we've had, none of the guys we dated ever called back."



AGGRESSORS: Two freshman coeds at the University of California Davis campus, Linda Dankman, left, and Candy Cooley, divulgued they have completed a three month study in boy-chasing for an experimental sociology class. The scholarly report titled "A Sociological Study of the Divergence of Sexual Dimorphism" in lockerroom lingo means, "Do Men Like Being Hustled by Women?" (AP Wirephoto)

Agreement Reached At Bendix

A tentative agreement was reached this morning on a new contract between the Hydraulics division of Bendix Corp. and United Auto Workers Local 383. Announcement was made by the company and Art Vega, UAW international representative.

Agreement came less than an hour before the 10:30 a.m. expiration of a contract extension. Vega said as far as he knew all union members were on their jobs today.

Time and place of a ratification meeting was not set immediately. Vega said there will be two votes: the company-wide master contract on which agreement was reached last week and the contract involving the Hydraulics division on Lakeshore drive, south of St. Joseph.

A wildcat strike stymied production at the plant Friday but workers returned to their jobs Monday.

Win Schuler's Sunday Brunch 11-1 p.m. Stevensville, Mich. Adv.

Your Social Security Tax Going Up, Up, Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The day of reckoning is here on the cost of Social Security-Medicare benefit changes approved by the House Ways and Means Committee—and the likely tax may be a 41-per-cent increase in payroll taxes.

That would mean a maximum of \$166.60 each for employee and employer.

The committee has approved subject to a final vote, costly increases in Social Security benefits, including higher payments for widows, a cost-of-living adjustment in the future, more leeway for pensioners' earnings and extension of medicare to the disabled.

The committee started work Wednesday on payroll tax

changes needed to finance the increases. No firm decision has been reached, but sources said the most likely outcome would be an increase in the payroll tax Jan. 1, 1972, to 5.4 per cent on a base of \$10,600 in wages.

This would mean a total of \$572.40 in tax withheld from anyone earning \$10,600 or more in 1972 and an equal amount from

his employer.

By contrast, the rate this year is 5.2 per cent on a \$7,800 maximum, or \$405.60.

The committee may still work out a different financing method, or even cut back on some of the benefit increases.

And whatever it decides must face the test of House and Senate consideration.

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Courts As School Custodians

Although the headline writers singled out busing as the dominant theme in the U.S. Supreme Court's latest school segregation decision, the gist of the opinion lay buried like an iceberg in the lengthy reports on the case.

Tuesday's ruling was on a consolidation of five separate cases coming up from the southern states.

While the facts vary from one situation to the next, all of them involve state or local efforts to maintain segregated schools by legislative effort. This effort attempts to operate separate but equal school facilities for white and black students.

The Court, with Earl Warren presiding as Chief Justice, in 1954 declared this long standing separate but equal rationale no longer valid; and in 1968, with Warren still in charge, thundered that school integration must be achieved "now."

Tuesday's opinion fills in some gaps which the 1968 "now" ruling failed to cover.

This is the mechanics of how to do it.

Busing is one method, said the Court. Gerrymandering of school zones is another.

The real meat in the decision, however, is the Supreme Court's directive to the lower federal courts, particularly those at the district or trial level, to assume an activist role in implementing the opinion.

The district courts are directed to scrutinize carefully and to amend if they see fit the plans of the school districts to establish the racial balance which local areas have kept out by various legalistic devices.

In other words, the district courts are expected to determine if busing is needed or if it is undesirable. They can look at population ratios as a guide to a required racial balance in the school. They can pair off all white and all black schools in a zoning arrangement. Finally, they are required to make certain that school authorities do not build new structures or abandon existing ones to get around what

the Warren Court first said was forbidden 17 years ago.

This principle of continuing jurisdiction is as old as the American judiciary itself, but this is the first time it has been extended into a political situation.

It can well be the reason for prompting Governor Wallace of Alabama to declare that "the opinion was written in a madhouse."

For some purposes the public school districts within the territorial limits of a federal district court will find board members and the judges as partners.

The next obvious step will be an effort to apply the same principle to the neighborhood school concept.

One aspect of this thorny argument is already on way to Washington.

Two years ago the New York legislature adopted a statute outlawing the shifting of students from one school to another simply for the sake of achieving racial balance.

The federal district court at Buffalo declared the statute unconstitutional. A parents organization in Buffalo is appealing that ruling.

Efforts to separate the beleaguered Benton Harbor district into more homo genous parcels could well furnish another test case.

Tuesday's opinion even though it does not bear immediately upon the neighborhood school concept is not a popular one.

Only time can tell if it is a wise one, wise in the sense of being something more than an exercise in legal logic.

The opinion is moderate when compared to prior decisions from the Warren Court.

Quite likely Chief Justice Burger wrote the opinion in temperate terms and left open a few options in the realization that integration by force of law alone will not bring about togetherness.

In that context he seeks to have the law serve as a crutch, not a straitjacket.

Gotham & Co.

It develops now that New York City is considering buying a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. The city would save the commissions it now pays on its municipal pension funds' transactions in stocks and bonds, and buying a big board seat could be a lot less expensive than some other business ventures.

The move is not without precedent of sorts. If Washington can buy passenger train networks, why can't New York, which already owns a Shea Stadium, a radio station and assorted other ventures, also acquire a brokerage house or two?

The city's record on business

diversification hasn't been exactly heartening. After a half-century or so of running the subways, municipal officials floated to the nearest exit on a sea of red ink. In the garbage collection field, city leaders are studying a report which claims private enterprise could do a more efficient job at about one-third the cost.

City Hall's move into Wall Street may not materialize.

Among other barriers is a New York Stock Exchange rule requiring that the primary purpose of any member firm must be that of a broker-dealer in securities.

As any knowledgeable observer knows, a major purpose of New York City's government is the collection of off-track wagers on horse races.

Coin collectors are expected to snap up all of those 150 million new 40-cent silver Eisenhower dollars as soon as they are issued. Just another fast buck?

Some 7,000 pounds of beef bones were spilled from a truck onto a Chicago street. Sounds like a dog's fondest dream coming true.

A Canadian town reports a heavy snowfall. Just another place where spring is really only a year-say?

A scientist predicts that human beings eventually will live to be 1,000 years old. Good grief! — what'll happen then to Social Security?

Maybe the reason they call it "spring" house cleaning is because it takes Mom the whole season to get Dad to lend a hand!

A pig having escaped from its sty, caused a traffic jam by wandering aimlessly on the Winterton, England, highway. Just a natural-born road hog?

What does all this mean to you and me? It means that, that two hours and 51 minutes per day I work for the government, I can work for myself and my family. It means that the money I earn from January to May, I can put in the bank or what ever I wish to do with it.

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Twin City
News

Olivet's Prexy Says Emphasis Put On Quality

BY DICK DERRICK

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Olivet college is going to carve its greatness in quality education, not size of enrollment, Dr. Ray B. Loeschner told alumni and Twin City civic leaders yesterday.

Dr. Loeschner, at 39 the youngest four-year college president in Michigan, was guest of two trustees, Jack D. Sparks and Albert F. Dexel at a reception at Berrien Hills yesterday afternoon and spoke at a gathering of alumni at First Congregational church, St. Joseph, in the evening. Sparks and Dexel are St. Joseph residents.

Olivet is a "small small" private college he said and the trustees have approved his recommendation that it seek to maintain its enrollment around

the 900 mark. Olivet started school last fall with a record enrollment — 864 students — but it also has a student-teacher ratio of 13 to one and "we're proud of that," he said.

CLASSES SMALL

"Classes are small at Olivet and we think that's important. Because classes are small students have an opportunity to know their professors, their deans, even the president — and we have an opportunity to know them. We think this is a unique situation in higher education today and one we're very proud of."

"Students at Olivet are known by name, not numbers, and Olivet is still a very friendly campus," he said.

Dr. Loeschner pledged Olivet

is going to try to be No. 1 in everything it undertakes. "Anything worth doing," he said, "is worth doing well and that's the way we plan the future and we are going to be No. 1 in everything."

The young president, who has a stellar athletic background, said: "I'm often asked, are we going to overemphasize athletics? I don't think we can overemphasize anything we plan whether it's music, art, debate, athletics, or anything else we plan to do the very best we can do and I guess if that's overemphasizing I'm going to be guilty in every area. I plan to make your college the very best."

IN GOOD SHAPE

He said the Olivet physical plant is in good shape. One of the advantages of remaining small is that heavy expenditures for capital improvements are unnecessary and the subsequent expense of maintaining new buildings can be minimized. However, in the next few years he would like to see an all-events building to house sports, a pool, physical education and related activities. Another prime need to go with Olivet's strong music program is new music center.

He gave alumni a four-point program to support the college:

1 — be an ambassador, talk up Olivet, its friendliness, its quality educational program; 2 — serve on boards, committees, volunteer; 3 — recruit, tell young people about Olivet, get them to visit the campus because if they do they will catch the Olivet spirit; 4 — investigate the Michigan state tax credit program under act 315 of 1968 for contributions to Michigan colleges.

Dr. Loeschner, a native of Indiana, graduated from Grand Rapids Junior college, Albion college, and Northwestern university. He has taught at Northwestern, Augustana college, Washburn and at Eastern Michigan college. When President Harold E. Sponberg was named to head Eastern he brought Dr. Loeschner to Ypsilanti with him.

Dr. Loeschner was appointed president of Olivet, Feb. 1, 1970 and was installed Feb. 24, 1971 on "Founders day" combining the two events as an economy measure.

He was a state Golden Gloves champion, Michigan AAU pole vault champion in 1951, MIAA pole vault champion in 1953 and blazed an outstanding athletic record at Albion where he made the Little All - America football team, was voted one of the top ten Albion gridironers and was placed in Albion's hall of fame with his football jersey retired.

The Olivet college madrigal singers, utilizing a unique echo rendition for their opening number, entertained at the Alumni banquet. They were under the direction of Robert D. Barnes, associate professor of music.

Accompanying the president was Owen F. Whitkopf, director of college relations; Donald T. Conover, business manager; Leo W. Tyson, director of promotion and development and James A. Dryer, director of financial aid.



WILLIAM STEINKE
Valedictorian



AMY STREFLING
Salutatorian

Pleads Guilty In Knife Assault

A Benton township teenager, Larry James Williams, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Berrien circuit court to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Williams, about 19, of 1763 East Britain Lane, was accused of assaulting Elroy Jones

with a knife on Aug. 15, 1970, in Benton Harbor. Williams was

continued free until sentence on \$1,500 bond by Judge Chester J. Burns.



CONCERT TOUR: Bernie Kuschel directs the Benton Harbor high school symphony band in concert at Lake Michigan Catholic, one of a series by BHHS musicians at area schools. Although

Benton Harbor is famed for its flashy marching bands, Kuschel says many students like symphonic music best. "For it is here they and their instruments can express artistry." (Staff photo)

On Spring Tour BHHS Band Wows Audience

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

One of southwestern Michigan's best-sounding road shows stopped at Lake Michigan Catholic Wednesday to perform before an appreciative student audience.

The big symphony band from Benton Harbor is on spring tour bringing good music and goodwill to area schools.

Yesterday's concert in St. Joseph followed a appear-

ances at Eau Claire and Berrien Springs. Director Bernie Kuschel said another concert will be arranged at South Haven along with appearances in Benton Harbor schools.

Kuschel explained the purpose of the concert circuit:

"Our enjoyment is in playing and if it pleases you, then our enjoyment is that much greater."

There's also another motive: preparation for the

state festival at Western Michigan university where 16 Class AA bands will perform against standards of excellence on May 1.

Benton Harbor earned its berth by winning a Division I rating in the district contest for the 21st consecutive year.

Sister Noreen Marie, Lake Michigan Catholic principal, said after the concert: "We are very pleased that Mr. Kuschel and his band offered this fine program to us. It was excellent exposure

for our students."

Ninety strong, the symphony band is at the top rung of the BHHS music ladder. The concert band is composed of sophomores and juniors and this year the school fields a freshman band.

Kuschel's talents and experience gained in a 30-year career plus the dedication of band members are the basic ingredients for success. But there's also a major tangible asset — the symphony band is equipped with every

available instrument for modern concert.

The concert at Lake Michigan Catholic consisted of seven numbers ranging from marches to intricate symphony movements and the catchy strains of "Mame."

Kuschel told the audience: "I won't pretend that you will enjoy all the music (some was very unfamiliar), but listen for sounds of strangeness."

He may have been wrong on that score.

Citizens Differ Over Keeping Napier Avenue A Residential Area

BY HOWARD HOLMES
Staff Writer

Benton township's desire to keep Napier avenue residential came under fire last night, but some Fairplain residents maintained it could be a nice four-lane residential area like Niles

avenue in St. Joseph.

The dispute occurred during a public hearing at the Fairplain junior high school, where the township planning commission and township planning consultants met with interested residents. About 25 attended.

The meeting was the first of two to be held on revising the township's 1965 basic zoning plan. If the revised plan is accepted, it could change the zoning of some parts of the township. The second meeting is set for April 29 at Lake Michigan college.

Frank Loomis, III, a former resident of Fairplain, told the township officials they were being unrealistic in trying to maintain the street as a residential area because of its heavy volume of traffic.

OBSTRUCT

Widening Napier avenue to four lanes with a 40 miles per hour speed limit will continue to obstruct development of vacant land on Napier, he added. He suggested the street be rezoned multiple dwelling.

Thompson A. Dyke, associate partner of Harland Bartholomew & Associates, which prepared the 1965 basic plan and the revised plan, suggested that the speed limit could be reduced to 25 miles per hour.

The suggestion brought laughter from the audience, but Mrs.

Patsy Oldham, 1922 Union street, got applause when she suggested the speed be set at 30 mph and that Napier could be as fine as Niles avenue in St. Joseph.

George Bicanich, owner of George's Barber shop, 157 East Napier avenue, said Napier was, in effect, already commercial. "I don't make it commercial, you don't make it

commercial, the developers don't make it commercial —

but the (estimated) 15,000 people who go by every day do," he said.

OFFERS SUGGESTION

Loomis, who resides in Ilag Shores, suggested that Napier

avenue be rezoned multiple dwelling so that it would be the same as Napier avenue in St. Joseph township, from Colfax avenue to the St. Joseph river.

Loomis made a request 10 years ago to build multiple dwelling apartments on Napier

avenue, but his request was turned down by Benton township officials. Loomis later built the apartments at 280 West Territorial road when it became necessary in the future to expand the length of the Benton Harbor airport.

Most of the other recommendations in the revised plan were not discussed. But Robert Greulich of route 4, Benton Harbor, showed concern that one exit from Benton Heights would be eliminated when the airport was expanded.

Planning consultants have suggested that Red Arrow highway detour down Euclid avenue to the apartments at 280 West Territorial road when it becomes necessary in the future to expand the length of the Benton Harbor airport.

After listening to the planners spend one-half hour explaining the revised plan and three new ordinances, Greulich suggested they "tear up all the ordinances you have now and make some you can understand."



TRUSTEE BRIEFING: Olivet College trustee Jack Sparks (left) gets college catalog briefing from Dr. Ray B. Loeschner (center) president of Olivet and Trustee Albert F. Dexel, a member of the college board for the past five years. Sparks and Dexel hosted reception at Berrien Hills and alumni dinner at First Congregational church. (Staff photo)



CHANGING THE MAP: Thompson A. Dyke, associate partner of Harland Bartholomew & Associates, points to Napier avenue on the map, the area of concern to township residents during public hearing last night on revising the Benton township

zoning code. With him are Robert Miskill (left), chairman of the Benton township planning commission, and Robert Duchek, (right), the planning consultant's project manager of the revised zoning map. (Staff photo)

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CARL BROWN

'C-MEDS' Tells Public Its Side

By BILL RUSH

Staff Writer
C-MEDS officials said Wednesday their manpower training program is "hanging on" despite rumors and charges that have spread doubt about the organization in this community.

C-MEDS (Comprehensive

Multi-Economic Development Systems, Inc.) admitted to "having its back against the wall" during a two-hour meeting in the organization's offices at 241 East Main street in Benton Harbor. The meeting was called in answer to charges made against the group over the last eight months.

C-MEDS has been accused by members of the TRI/County Community Action Program (Tri-CAP) of misappropriating \$17,000 to \$20,000 in funds, taking office furniture, waging a campaign to dislodge Tri-CAP as the area's poverty agency, and being a group of militants.

This week it was disclosed that C-MEDS has moved out of its facilities at Lake Michigan college owing \$5,200 in unpaid rent.

Carl Brown and Robert Rumney, C-MEDS vice-presidents, said the organization does owe rent to Lake Michigan college.

"We signed a lease for three classrooms and office space at the Britain campus with the idea we would get a contract for the Model Cities manpower development program," Rumney explained. "We wrote the manpower program for Model Cities and \$9,000 in rent was written into program costs," he added.

The Model Cities contract was to be handled by the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC). MESC was to sub-contract the program to C-MEDS, but this was stopped at the state level due to the controversy with Tri-CAP. Rumney explained. Model Cities is now negotiating with Lake Michigan college to act as operating agency for the manpower program and C-MEDS still has hopes of working with the college on this program, he said.

C-MEDS is exploring avenues to repay the rent, Brown said. Dean Kimmerly, chairman of the LMC board of trustees, added he "was surprised" this story was released to the press. "I was sorry to see the article come out because we had an excellent meeting Monday. Your enthusiasm, dedication and ability at the meeting can't be questioned," Kimmerly said.

Appearing before the sewage planning body, composed of members from the cities and townships of Watervliet and Coloma, John Matthews of Paw Paw Lake asked for the support to begin a study into resolving the annual flooding conditions each spring around the lake.

Matthews and John Dwan are leading a drive of interested lake property owners to erect flood controls on the lake to eliminate the flooding problem.

Matthews said he and Dwan are offering their services to do the initial legwork to see what funds are available from state and federal sources to combat the condition.

G. W. Hutchins, Watervliet township supervisor, told Matthews that the one obstacle confronting Watervliet and Coloma township would be the cost of acquiring property and easements for the construction of a control gate at the southwest end of the lake.

Hutchins added that during the county board of commissioners' June, 1967, meeting a letter from the U.S. Corps of Engineers clearly left property and easement costs to the local bodies of government. This cost would be "prohibitive," he added.

Hutchins volunteered to supply the men with all the needed information he has on the situation.

Matthews and Dwan were instructed to report later this year on progress.

In other business, Commission Chairman Fred Munchow said that the June 30 deadline to award contracts on the \$11 million sewage system for the four governmental units would remain as the target date, pending approval of state and federal grants totaling \$6 million toward the project.

Commission Attorney F. A.

said he knew the loans were being made with Tri-CAP officials previous to Mrs. Ford, agreeing that C-MEDS showed bad judgment in not getting approval from the Tri-CAP board.

Rumney said C-MEDS had

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ROBERT RUMNEY

New Move Eyed To Incorporate Union Pier

UNION PIER — A new move to incorporate Union Pier as a village is under consideration by the Union Pier Property Owners association.

Jerry Covert, association president, said a committee is attempting to determine how the majority of Union Pier residents feel about it.

The question has circulated in the community before but never resulted in incorporation for Union Pier, which is split down the middle between Chikamig and New Buffalo townships.

Covert said a recent informal survey indicated 65 per cent of the residents with an interest in becoming independent of the

townships. The remaining 35 per cent dissented.

Covert said that a referendum on the proposal would not be required if 65 per cent of the residents sign a petition in its favor.

COULD BENEFIT

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